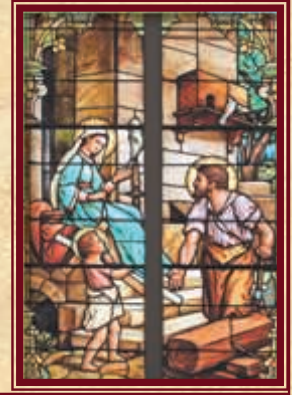




St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

Temperance, Michigan
The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph



“The Antonian”
December 29, 2013

The Feast of the
Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
December 29, 2013

*Put on as God's chosen ones,
Holy and Beloved
Heartfelt Compassion,
Kindness, Humility, Gentleness
and Patience.*

*Bearing with one another
As the Lord has forgiven you,
so must you do.
And over all these put on Love,
That is the bond of perfection.
And let the Peace of Christ
control your hearts,
the peace into which
you were also called
in one body.
And be Thankful!*

Colossians 3:12-15



St. Anthony Parish is truly blessed with many new parishioners.

On this special day, *The Feast of the Holy Family*, we formally acknowledge those families who have registered (and in some cases returned) in 2013. We'd like to extend a warm welcome to all our new members and express how pleased we are that they have joined our Parish family:

- ◆ Meghin Fulton, and Andrew
- ◆ Magdalene Johnson
- ◆ Brian and Marcy McMahon
- ◆ David and Clarissa Ordorica; Kristin & Ryan
- ◆ Brenda Svenski
- ◆ William and Thelma Svenski
- ◆ Gary and Lynn Tester; Brittney, Nicholas, Lucas, Christian, Devin
- ◆ Morgan Westhoff

Welcome to our Family!



Card Nights

Saturdays in January
Beginning next Saturday
(4, 11, 18, 25)

6:30-10pm in Padua Hall

No winter blahs here! St. Anthony K of C will be hosting card nights for adults in January. Euchre, along with a variety of other games will bring excitement to those cold winter evenings. Bring your own beverages and a snack to pass.

Mary, Mother of God

January 1, 2014

Holy Day of Obligation
Masses:

Tuesday, December 31
5:00pm

Wednesday, January 1
9:00am



The Lord Bless and keep you!

*The Lord let His Face
shine upon you
and be gracious to you!*

*The Lord look upon you kindly
and give you peace.*

*(First Reading from January 1,
Octave of Christmas
Mary, Mother of God)*

Please note....

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will **NOT** be offered this Wednesday Evening.

Traveling Vocation Chalice

December 29	Kirk Shade	
January 5	Brown Family	
January 12	Lowell & Liz Cousino	
January 19	**Host Family Needed	

Parish Offices will be
closed for New Year's

Monday, December 30,
until Friday, January 3.
Have a Blessed New Year!

This Week's Mass Schedule

December 30, 2013 -
January 4, 2014

Monday: No Mass

Tuesday: 9:00am

Holy Day Masses

Tuesday, December 31, 2013

5:00pm

(Holy Day Vigil)

Wednesday, January 1, 2014

Mary, Mother of God
(Holy Day of Obligation)

9:00am

(11:00am @ Oak Leaf Village)

Thursday: No Mass

First Friday: 7:00pm

First Saturday: 8:00am

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 9:00am & 11:00am

Holy Days Check bulletin

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 3:30-4:30pm

First Wednesday 6:30-7:30pm

Second Tuesday 6:00-6:30pm

Devotions

First Friday 7:00pm Mass

First Saturday 8:00am Mass

O. L. of Perpetual Help - Wednesday @ 6:15pm

Prayer Blankets

Sandy Maenle.....847-7813

Prayer Chain

Gloria Knaggs.....856-2389

† Our Sacramental Policy †

Six-month Parish registration and participation are required for Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage.

Baptisms: Second Sunday of the month; Arrangements must be made in advance and parents must attend a baptism class. The Church requires that at least one of the parents be a practicing Catholic; and the Godparents must be active, practicing, fully initiated Catholics at least 16 years of age. If two Godparents: must be 1 male & 1 female; if one Godparent: may be male or female.

Marriage: Arrangements must be made at least nine months in advance. Please call the rectory office. Officiate at the ceremony must be St. Anthony Parish Pastor or a family member.

Funerals: Officiate must be St. Anthony Parish Pastor or a family member.

Please note: The services of the Parish Organist are used for all sacramental liturgies.

For more details regarding our Sacramental policies and procedures, please refer to the Sacrament link on our Parish web-site, or the Parish Guide Book.

Mark Your Calendars.....

- Card Nights in January - 4, 11, 18, 25
- K of C Breakfast - Jan. 12
- Mass with Jubilarians - Feb. 9

The Mass with Jubilarians



for 2014

will be

Sunday, February 9 at 11:00am.

Parishioners who will be celebrating a **milestone anniversary** (25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50+) in 2014, please call the Parish Office 734-854-1143.

Papal Blessings are ordered for 25th & 50th Anniversaries.

A cookie and punch reception follows the 11am Mass in the Narthex; we'd like a couple of volunteers to handle this. Please call the Parish Office if you are willing to volunteer.



Please keep in your prayers all our service men and women, especially those currently serving in Iraq or Afghanistan:

- ☆ Bruno Joseph Strzelewicz, Jr.
- ☆ Kenneth Lee Ziegler, Jr, Army

Parish Directory

All photographs should have arrived in your homes in time for Christmas. If there were any problems, please call 1-866-724-3907

please refer to Book # 121883.

The work on the lay-out of the directory continues; directories should be ready for distribution in late winter.

Directory Committee:

- Marie Burtscher, Faye Knaggs,
- Bev Kelly, Michelle Lindsey
- Rebecca Ullery



**The Holy Father's
Monthly Prayer Intentions -
January 2014**

Universal: That all may promote authentic economic development that respects the dignity of all peoples.

For Evangelization: That Christians of diverse denominations may walk toward the unity desired by Christ.

This Week's Calendar



Monday, December 30, 2013

No Mass

Offices Closed until Friday

Tuesday, December 31, 2013

9:00am - Mass

5:00pm - Mass (Holy Day Vigil)

Wednesday, January 1, 2014

Mary, Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation

New Year's Day

9:00am - Mass

11am Mass @ Oak Leaf Village

Thursday, January 2, 2014

6:15-7pm - Perpetual Help/Prayer Team

First Friday, January 3, 2014

7:00pm - Mass,

with Exposition and Benediction

First Saturday, January 4, 2014

3:30-4:30pm - Confessions

5pm - Mass

Prayer Blankets - Narthex

6:30-10pm - Card Night - Padua Hall

Sunday, January 5, 2014

9am & 11am - Mass

Prayer Blankets - Narthex

12-6pm - Padua Hall Rental

8:30pm - Adult Open Gym - Kenna Hall

6:30-8pm - Boy Scouts - Kenna Hall

8:30pm - Adult Open Gym - Kenna Hall

Contribution envelopes have been moved to the last pew of Church for the convenience of those who use the street entrance. Please be sure to pick up your pack.

Monastery of the Visitation

(1745 Parkside Blvd. Toledo)

Holy Hour

Sunday, January 5, 2014 at 4pm.

Evening Prayer (Vespers), The Rosary, Homily and Benediction.

The devotions are held each month on the Sunday following the First Friday.

Prayer Blankets will be in the Narthex **NEXT WEEKEND** to be tied. Blanket requests may be made anytime by calling Sandy Maenle at 847-7813 or the Parish Office at 854-1143.

Prayer squares are also available in baskets at each entrance to the church for your own personal use. Tie the knot and enclose it in a card for birthdays, anniversaries, get well, etc., along with your personal prayer.

† MASS SCHEDULE †

Monday, December 30, 2013
Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas
 No Mass

1John 2:12-17
 Luke 2:36-40

Tuesday, December 31, 2013
Seventh Day within the Octave of Christmas
St. Sylvester I, Pope

9:00am *Residents of EagleStone*
 by Anne Herman,
 On Behalf of The Residents
 1John 2:18-21
 John 1:1-18

Holy Day Vigil

5:00pm † *Helen Olszewski*
 by Rose Marie Olszewski

Wednesday, January 1, 2014
The Solemnity of Mary,
The Holy Mother of God
The Octave Day of Christmas
(New Year's Day)

9:00am *The People of St. Anthony*
 Numbers 6:22-27
 Galatians 4:4-7
 Luke 2:16-21

Thursday, January 2, 2014
St. Basil the Great and
St. Gregory Nazianzen,
Bishops and Doctors of the Church

No Mass
 1John 2:22-28
 John 1:19-28

First Friday, January 3, 2014
The Most Holy Name of Jesus

7:00pm *Fr. Brian's Intentions*
 1John 2:29-3:6
 John 1:29-34

First Saturday, January 4, 2014
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

8:00am *Fr. Brian's Intentions*
 1John 3:7-10
 John 1:35-42

Sunday Vigil

5:00pm *The People of St. Anthony*

Sunday, January 5, 2014
The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00am † *Jackie Nusbaum; and*
 † *Barb Karpanty* by Bob Nusbaum
 on Behalf of the Family
 11:00am † *Frank and Sophie Samsel*
 by Dick & Jerry MacAdams
 Isaiah 60:1-6
 Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6
 Matthew 2:1-12

....Let us Pray for....

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|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Eileen Adoline | Daniel Holup | Theresa McMullen |
| Marie Allore | Ed Holup | Bob McNear |
| Nancy Jo Babcock | Monica Holzemer | Ben Mendoza |
| Maria Baer | Clyde Howard | Ryan Merend |
| Mary Ann Bailey | Bernice Iott | Maureen Miller |
| Mary Bellg | Tamara Iott | Melissa Miller |
| Patricia Bennice | David Itle | Lou Montesano |
| Linette Braden & Family | Peg Itle | Richard Moran |
| Toni Breininger | Josh & Emily | Lee Murray |
| Debbie Kreps Brennon | Bryan Jones | Steve Murzynski |
| Marlene Brogan | Levi Johnson | Connie Niemi |
| Sherrie Brooks | Marie Joseph | Patricia Pavalak |
| Ruth Brown | Dennis Jurrus | Cindy Perpich |
| Aderianna Brumley | Bob Kapela | Michelle Polishak |
| Georgette Burkley | Patty Keesee | Troy Pullou |
| Stephanie Callahan | Bev Kelly | Veronica Rakebrand |
| Matt Chambers | Colleen Kessler | Pat Reed |
| Irv Cilley | Dorothy Kolar | Rachel Renn |
| Todd Clancy | Rose Marie Komorowski | Mary Ridal |
| Myra Clark | Judy Kraft | Julia Roberts |
| Nella Clay | Lisa Krall | Debbie Schoen |
| John Connelly | Chase Kukiela | Dennis Selengowski |
| Bonnie Cornprobst | Jeanette Kurzyniec | Wanda Selengowski |
| Orvel Cousino | Debbie (Kreps) Brennan | Anna Sepesy |
| Faith Crandall | Kenneth Krohn | Bob Shade |
| Glen Dooley | Gus LaRoy | Liz Shade |
| Jerry Driscoll | Mary LaRoy | Pauline Skingsley |
| Rose Dunlap | Audrey Lawrence | Jim Slaybaugh |
| Jeff Dusseau | Rick Lawrence | Janet Smith |
| John Fackelman | Robbin Lawrence | Helen Steinmetz |
| Noah Fender | Greg LaVoy | Bernadette Stepowski |
| Norma Frantz | Robert Lindsey | Vic Stevens |
| Paul Gabor | Danielle Loo | Frank Stobinski |
| Shirley Gabor | Gary Lowen | Jay Sulier |
| Phil Gil | Jeannette Lubinski | Mary Maureen Tenney |
| Pansy Gillinger | Joe Luby | Pat Townsend |
| Phyllis Glowacki | Gerry MacAdams | Tom Townsend |
| Margaret Gotha | Evelyn Madynski | Teresa VanHove |
| Raymond Groesbeck | Kristen Maenle | Paul Wahr |
| Steve Haman | Sandy Maenle | Cecelia Welkers |
| Karen Hammer | Rachel Maisto | Gloria Wilkins |
| Bobbie Harman | Jack Marietta | Mark Wisniewski |
| Marion Harrington | Lindsey Martin | David Yunker |
| Jim Hjortsberg | Bob Mase | Linda Lou Ziegler |

Liturgical Assignments - December 31, 2013 & January 1, 2014

	Priest	Reader	Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers
Holy Day Vigil Tuesday, 5:00pm	Fr. Brian	C. Driscoll	M. Lindsey M. Faunt	J. Updike J. Updike S. Updike S. Updike
Holy Day Wednesday, 9:00am	Fr. Brian	R. Oehlers	L. Cousino Y. Thoma	A. Cousino L. Cousino P. Cousino

Liturgical Assignments - January 4 & 5, 2014

	Priest	Lector	EMHC's	Altar Servers
Sunday Vigil Saturday, 5:00pm	Fr. Brian	C. Driscoll	M. Kolasinski	P., P., & P. Dillon
Sunday, 9:00am	Fr. Brian	K. Dressel	L. Cousino P. Cousino	D. & S. Reed A. Vaughn
Sunday, 11:00am	Fr. Brian	J. VanBrandt	B. Knaggs C. VanBrandt	C., C., & C. Gunterman

The Can Shed is now ready for cans. In consideration for those who empty the shed for us and deliver the cans, please be sure all cans are in plastic garbage bags. And please - no trash!

Fr. Brian's Blarney

New Year

On behalf of the staff here at St. Anthony, I would like to wish all of you a Blessed New Year!

The Birth Date of Jesus

I remember in Latin Class talking of the birthday of Christ and the speculation of it not being on December 25th. I am fascinated now to learn how a lot of this speculation that was in fashion back in the '80's was thought to be true and never went uncontested. It reminds me of that commercial where the blonde woman believed everything to be true because it was on the internet, including her new boyfriend, who was supposed to be a French model. I still crack up when I hear him or someone else imitate his "Bonjour".

Dr. Taylor Marshall, who is a convert to Catholicism from being an Episcopal priest in Fort Worth, Texas, posted on his website a great article on the Dating of Christ's birth. I frequently receive his postings and am reprinting this one below.

Was Jesus Really Born on Dec 25? Yes – A Biblical Argument for the Birth of Christ in Late December

by Dr Taylor Marshall

<http://taylormarshall.com/2011/12/dec-25-biblical-argument-of-birth-of.html#comment-5444>

It is now commonly assumed that our Lord Jesus Christ was not born on December 25th. I'm going to argue that this assumption is factually incorrect, and that Christ was born in late December. First allow me to counter three common objections to the dating of Christ's birth to December 25.

Objection 1: December 25th was chosen in order to replace the pagan Roman festival of Saturnalia. Saturnalia was a popular winter festival and so the Catholic Church prudently substituted Christmas in its place.

Reply to Objection 1: Saturnalia commemorated the winter solstice. Yet the winter solstice falls on December 22! It is true that Saturnalia celebrations began as early as December 17 and extended till December 23. Still, the dates don't match up.

Objection 2: December 25th was chosen to replace the pagan Roman holiday *Natalis Solis Invicti* ("Birthday of the Unconquered Sun").

Reply to Objection 2: Let's begin with the cult of the Unconquered Sun. The Emperor Aurelian introduced the cult of the Sol Invictus ("Unconquered Sun") to Rome in AD 274. Aurelian found political traction with this cult, because his own name "Aurelian" derives from the Latin word *aurora* denoting "sunrise." Coins reveal that Emperor Aurelian called himself the *Pontifex Solis* or "Pontiff of the Son." Thus, Aurelian simply accommodated a generic solar cult and identified his name with it at the end of the third century.

Most importantly, there is no historical record for a celebration *Sol Invictus* on December 25 prior to AD 354. Even in AD 354, the date is simply designated as "Invictus" without mention of a birthday. The date only explicitly became the "Birthday of the Unconquered Son" under (drumroll please) the Emperor Julian the Apostate who had been a Christian but who had apostatized and returned to Roman paganism. History reveals that it was a former Christian Emperor (who hated Christ) that erected a pagan holiday on December 25. Think about that for a moment.

Why does all this matter? It means that the Unconquered Son was not likely a popular deity in the Roman empire. This entails that the Roman plebs did not need to be weaned off of a so-called ancient holiday. Moreover, the tradition of a December 25th celebration does not find a place on the Roman calendar *until after the Christianization of Rome*. The "Birthday of the Unconquered Son" holiday was scarcely traditional and hardly popular. Saturnalia (mentioned above) was much more popular, traditional, and fun. It seems, rather, that Julian the Apostate had attempted to introduce a pagan holiday in order to replace the Christian one!

Objection 3: Christ could not have been born in December since Saint Luke describes shepherds herding in the neighboring fields of Bethlehem. Shepherds do not herd during the winter. Thus, Christ was not born in winter.

Answer to Objection 3: This objection is the worst objection of all. Recall that Palestine is not England, Russia, or Alaska. Bethlehem has a latitude of 31.7. My city of Dallas, Texas has the latitude of 32.8 and it's still rather comfortable outside in December. As the great Cornelius a Lapide remarks during his lifetime, one could still see shepherds and sheep in the fields of Italy during late December...and Italy is geographically to the north of Bethlehem.

Now we move on to establishing the birthday of Christ from Sacred Scripture in two steps:

Step One: Determine the Birthday of John the Baptist

We can discover that Christ was born in late December by observing first the time of year in which Saint Luke describes Saint Zacharias in the temple. This provides us with the approximate conception date of Saint John the Baptist. From there we can follow the chronology that Saint Luke gives and that lands us right smack at the end of December.

Saint Luke reports that Zacharias served in the “course of Abias” (Lk 1:5) which Scripture records as the eighth course among the twenty-four priestly courses (see Neh 12:17). Each course served one week in the temple for two times each year. The course of Abias served during the eighth week and the thirty-second week in the annual cycle.* However, when did the cycle of courses begin?

By consulting the scholarly research of Friedlieb (Leben J. Christi des Erlösers, Münster, 1887, p. 312), we discover that the first priestly course of Jojarib was on duty during the destruction of Jerusalem on the 9th day of the Jewish month of Av. Thus the priestly course of Jojarib was on duty during the second week of Av. This means that without a doubt, the priestly course of Abias (the course of Saint Zacharias) was serving during the second week of the Jewish month of Tishri – the very week of the Day of Atonement on the 10th of Tishri. In our calendar, the Day of Atonement on 10th Tishri lands anywhere from September 22 to October 8.

Zacharias and Elizabeth conceived John the Baptist immediately after Zacharias served his course. This entails that Saint John the Baptist would have been conceived somewhere around the end of September, placing John’s birth at the end of June, confirming the Catholic Church’s celebration of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist on June 24.

The second-century Protoevangelium of James also confirms a late September conception of the Baptist since the work depicts Saint Zacharias as High Priest and as entering the Holy of Holies—not merely the holy place with the altar of incense. This is a factual mistake because Zecharias was not the high priest, but one of the chief priests.** Still, the *Protoevangelium* regards Zecharias as a high priest and this associates him with the Day of Atonement, which lands on the tenth day of the Hebrew month of Tishri (roughly the end of our September). Immediately after this entry into the temple and message of the angel Gabriel, Zacharias and Elizabeth conceive John the Baptist. Allowing for forty weeks of gestation, this places the birth of John the Baptist at the end of June—once again corresponding to the Catholic date for the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist on June 24.

Step Two: Determine the Birthday of Christ

The rest of the dating is rather simple. We read that just after the Immaculate Virgin Mary conceived Christ, she went to visit her cousin Elizabeth who was six months pregnant with John the Baptist. This means that John the Baptist was six months older than our Lord Jesus Christ (Lk 1:24-27, 36). Add six months to June 24 and it reveals December 24-25 as the birthday of Christ. Subtract nine months from December 25 and it reveals that the annunciation was March 25. All the dates match up perfectly.

So then, if John the Baptist was conceived shortly after the Jewish Day of the Atonement, then the traditional Catholic dates are essentially correct. The birth of Christ would be about or on December 25.

PS: I realize that Anne Catherine Emmerich states that Christ was born in November. There are three ways to account for this. First, she may have got it wrong (I don’t like this option). Second, the man who wrote down her visions got it wrong. Third, she confused the Jewish months since they do not correspond to our months. It’s probably the second or third.

* I realize that there are two courses of Abias. This theory only works if Zacharias and Elizabeth conceived John the Baptist after Zacharias’ second course – the course in September. If Saint Luke refers to the first course, this then would place the birth of John the Baptist in late Fall and the birth of Christ in late Spring. However, I think tradition and the Protoevangelium substantiate that the Baptist was conceived in late September.

** The Greek tradition especially celebrates Saint Zacharias as “high priest.” Nevertheless, Acts 5:24 reveals that there were several “chief priests” (ἀρχιερείς), and thus the claim that Zacharias was a “high priest” may not indicate a contradiction. The Greek tradition identifies Zacharias as an archpriest and martyr based on the narrative of the Protoevangelium of James and Matthew 23:35: “That upon you may come all the just blood that hath been shed upon the earth, from the blood of Abel the just, even unto the blood of Zacharias the son of Barachias, whom you killed between the temple and the altar.” (Matthew 23:35, D-R)